

We claim:-

1. A method of defining a link between first and second applications windows on a processing system, the processing system having a database and at least one remote end station coupled to the database via a communications system, the method comprising operating the end station so as to:
  - a. access a first applications window;
  - 10        b. cause the processing system to enter a link defining mode and access a second applications window, thereby causing the processing system to define a link between the first and second applications windows; and,
  - 15        c. generate link data defining the link, the link data being stored on the database.
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises operating the end station so as to:
  - 20        i. cause the processing system to enter a link defining mode; and then,
  - ii. access the second applications window.
3. A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of accessing an applications window comprises causing the applications window to be displayed on a display of the end station.
4. A method according to claim 1, wherein the link is defined to allow the second applications window to be accessed directly from the first applications window.
5. A method according to claim 1, wherein the end station is adapted to present the link within the first applications window.
6. A method according to claim 5, wherein the link is defined as an icon within the first applications window.
7. A method according to claim 1, wherein each user of the processing system has a respective identifier, and wherein the link data is stored in accordance with the

respective user identifier such that each user can define respective links.

8. A processing system for defining a link between first and second applications windows, the processing system comprising a database centre coupled to at least one end station via a communications network:

- a. the database centre comprising:
  - i. a database; and,
  - ii. a centre processor coupled to the database;
- 10 b. the at least one remote end station comprising:
  - i. an end station processor; and,
  - ii. a display,

wherein, in use, the centre processor and the end station processor cooperate thereby allowing the user to:

- 15 (1) access a first application window;
- (2) cause the processing system to enter a link defining mode and access a second application window, thereby causing the processing system to define a link between the first and second application windows; and,
- 20 (3) generate link data defining the link, the link data being stored on the database.

9. A processing system according to claim 8, the display displaying an accessed applications window.

10. A processing system according to claim 8, wherein the step of defining a link comprises causing the end station processor to:

- a. determine the first and second applications windows;
- b. generate link data including an indication of the first and second applications windows; and,
- 30 c. transfer the link data to the database.

11. A processing system according to claim 10, wherein each user of the processing system has a respective user identifier, and wherein the link data includes the identifier such that each user can define respective links.

12. A processing system according to claim 10, wherein step (c) comprises causing the end station processor to transfer the link data to the centre processor, and wherein the centre processor is adapted to store the link data in the database in accordance with the user password.

13. A processing system according to claim 12, wherein in use the end station processor is adapted to receive and transfer the user identifier to the centre processor, and the centre processor is adapted to transfer any link data stored in the database in accordance with the received user identifier, to the end station.

14. An end station for use in a processing system for defining a link between first and second applications windows, the processing system including a database centre having a database, and a centre processor, the database centre being coupled to the end station via a communications network, the end station comprising:

- i. an end station processor; and,
- ii. a display,

wherein, in use, the end station processor is adapted to cooperate with the centre processor thereby allowing the user to:

- (1) access a first application window;
- (2) cause the processing system to enter a link defining mode and access a second application window, thereby causing the processing system to define a link between the first and second application windows; and,
- (3) generate link data defining the link, the link data being stored on the database.

15. An end station according to claim 14, the display displaying the accessed applications windows.

16. An end station according to claim 14, wherein each user has a respective identifier, the end station further comprising a store for storing a user identifier received from a user.

17. A database centre for use in a processing system for defining a link between first and second applications

windows, the processing system being coupled to an end station having an end station processor via a communications network, the database centre comprising:

- i. a database; and,
  - 5       ii. a centre processor coupled to the database, wherein, in use, the centre processor and the end station cooperate thereby allowing the user to:
    - (1) access a first application window;
    - (2) cause the processing system to enter a link defining mode and access a second application window, thereby10       causing the processing system to define a link between the first and second application windows; and,
    - (3) generate link data defining the link, the link data being stored on the database.
- 15   18. A database centre according to claim 17, wherein the database stores applications data associated with the first and second applications windows.
19. A database centre according to claim 17, wherein each user of the processing system has a respective identifier20       such that each user can define respective links, and wherein the centre processor is adapted to store link data in accordance with the user identifier of the respective user who defined the links.